Lesson Two

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Hadith 1

How to interact with wealth? What does Allah (swt) want us to do with wealth? Everyone has a different interaction with money.

The Prophet (saw) said more or less, "Among those things that I fear for you after me, is that which will be opened up for you of the freshness/vitality/brightness/ripeness of this world and its adornment."

Someone said, "Oh Prophet is good going to bring about evil?"

The Prophet (saw) became silent, until we thought he was receiving a revelation. Eventually the Prophet (saw) wiped away the perspiration of the heat he experienced, and then he (saw) said more or less "Where is this man who asked this question (in a praiseworthy manner)? No the good does not entail a necessitated evil, but among all of those things that Spring produces (crops, grass, fruits and vegetables), some of it has the ability to kill or make someone close to being dead, except the one who eats just the particular greens in a particular amount, until its sides becomes stretched and filled, he then sits facing the sun, and then after that they do their business and then they come back and eat again, and repeat. This wealth of the Dunya (everything of the Dunya is wealth) is extremely green and sweet and fresh (like a nice fruit). Anybody who takes it with its right and places it in its rightful place, then what a great instrument/tool/means it is that Allah has given you. But anybody who takes it without its right, then he is like the one who is a binge eater (eats and is never satiated). Above all, on the Day of Judgment, this same wealth will become a witness against this person that this person wasted his time/his wealth.

[1] The person who can get money easily has to be more careful - if he gets greedy, more likely to run into a problem and never be satiated.

[2] Sitting in front of the sun refers to the person opening up himself to the Qur'an and Sunnah, and is careful in spending.

[3] Freshness of flower/aroma of flower - how long does it remain? This is the nature of the Dunya - will receive satisfaction for some time, then withers, then you have to repeat.

[4] If you have a lot of wealth, you are forced to manage it/plan it. It will prevent you from studying something of substance.

[5] With a lot of wealth, one becomes arrogant because and leads to bad manners - want to keep your status/position, join clubs, give gifts, etc. You are not concerned with your Deen.

[6] Wealth is NOT intrinsically evil - does not have to bring evil with it. Either it will be good for you or bad for you. Goodness will bring about evil because it can cause you to exaggerate or go beyond the limit.

[7] Evils:

1. About taking from Haram sources (a lot of Haram sources will open up)
2. Take from Halal but then you will not think about what it will do to you (i.e. Borrow from someone, what it will entail)

3. Eating too much hardens your heart - leads to lowly manners (joined golf club, friends with certain types of individuals)
4. Will never have money to give to people and will not have money to give to their creditors.

[8] Does not have to be like this.

Except the one that eats fresh. Eats. Relaxes. Processes the wealth (used in the right way to get energy) then goes back to get more.

Idea of processing the wealth - stay away from evils that it can bring. you are more careful - uses wealth in proper way (i.e. being a generous person).

It is an instrument for good, if you can use it properly

[9] Because it has the above mentioned dangers, that is why Allah (swt) choose the path of poverty for the majority of His Prophets and close ones.

[10] Take the example of two people - wealthy person who is thankful and a poor person who is patient.

The poor person who is patient is superior because he has less liability in this world and the hereafter Rich person - there is a lot he cannot do because he is so involved in his wealth.

[11] Keep it moderate. Do not go beyond the limits. Do not give into your lowly desires of wanting more.

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Hadith 2

The Prophet (saw) said more or less, “By Allah, I don’t fear poverty over you. But what I do fear over you is that the Dunya will open itself up to you. And then you start dealing with it like ignorant fools and it destroys you, just like it destroyed* the people before you. You will begin to vie with each other just like they did. You will go after the refined things.”

[1] We live today as low middle class people, but our food, clothing, etc. matches the upper class of previous generations.

[2] If you don’t have the desire/want/jealousy/greed for things - thank Allah (swt).

[3] *It will destroy you - fall into haram, get money in haram ways.

[4] You need to be careful of anything about the amount that **suffices** you and your family for their needs. Anything beyond that, the Fitna comes in - you don’t know what to do with it.

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Hadith 3

The Prophet (saw) made this Duaa, “Oh Allah, make the sustenance of the family of Muhammad to be enough* to suffice them (gives enough/sufficient energy to do your obedience and survive by)”

[1] Family of Muhammad (saw) - refers to anyone on his path

[2] *Does not mean a little - means enough to be content.

[3] Duaa of the Prophet (saw). “Oh Allah, the one who has brought faith with me (considered me truthful/believed in me) and who knows that whatever I have brought is the truth from You then lessen his wealth and his children and make beloved to him meeting You and hurry up his lifespan or his decree. And whoever doesn’t believe in me and doesn’t confirm what I have brought and does not know that what I have brought is the truth from You, then give him lots of wealth and children and make his lifespan longer.” - Read this in conjunction with the Hadith small amount that suffices you is superior than the abundance that causes you to be tyrannical.

[4] “The small amount that you give Shukr for is superior then an abundance that is beyond your control”

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Hadith 4

The Prophet (saw) said more or less, “The one who is successful is the one who brought faith (i.e. Muslim), he has been given enough sustenance to suffice and Allah has made him contented with what Allah has given him.”

[1] Hadith: Success (after which there is no failure/defeat) has been attained by the one who has made his heart specifically for Imaan, the Ikhlass of Imaan in his heart - Allah (swt) has made his heart is sound, his tongue is truthful and his Nafs (ego) is satisfied and his Akhlaaq is balanced, and his ears are well aware and listening to the right things, and his eyes looks in the right directions or takes heed from lessons.”

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Hadith 5

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “A servant says this is my wealth, this is my wealth, this is my wealth. Whereas from really amongst his wealth there are three things that are his:

1. Whatever you spent on food and eaten
2. Anything that you’ve worn and worn out (is done)
3. Something you've given and after that you have invested it/protected it/put it as a treasure (given for the sake of Allah (swt)).

Anything else that you have - it is all going to go away and be left for others.

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Hadith 6

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “Three things accompany the mayyit (deceased) at his death to the graveyard. Two things come back, one thing stays with him in the grave. His family, wealth and deeds are the three things that go. His family and his wealth come back. Only his deeds will stay with him.

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Hadith 7

The Prophet (saw) said more or less, “Tell me which one of you that his inheritor’s wealth is more beloved to him than his own wealth.”

The Sahabah (ra) responded: How can that be? Our own wealth is more beloved to us than that of our inheritor’s wealth

Prophet (saw) explained, “Than you must understand that your wealth is that which you have sent forward and the wealth of your inheritors is that which you have left behind.”

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Hadith 8

The Prophet (saw) is reciting الهاكم التكاثر (to vie with each other for more that has caused you to be distracted) and then he remarked more or less "The son of Adam says this is my wealth, this is my wealth, this is my wealth. So and so owes me this much (this is how son of Adam does his calculation). Oh son of Adam do you have any more than what you have already consumed and disposed of, that you have worn and worn out and that which you have given in sadaqa and sent forth"?

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Hadith 9

The Prophet (saw) said more or less "True richness is not from having lots of possessions/wealth/merchandise. The only thing that is true richness is richness of the heart. For the Nafs to be contented with what his Lord has given him. Rich is the person who abstains from greed and avarice of more Dunya. Anyone who finds his heart greedy for collecting money, then he is Faqir (in need).

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